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[1](#)1. (U) Post delivered Ref A points to the United Nations Economic and Social Division (UNES) of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on February 23. Due to staffing issues within UNES, we have been unable to obtain the GOI's reaction to our six priorities. However, UNES Under Secretary Abhishek Verma did express interest in any updates we may have on the state of play of the "Defamation of Religions" resolution as well as progress made on obtaining support for our Action Plan to Combat Racial and Religious Discrimination and Intolerance.

[1](#)2. (U) We remain doubtful that India will provide its support for country-specific resolutions on Guinea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Iran, given its habitual reluctance to vote in favor of country-specific resolutions (Ref B).

[1](#)3. (U) Post will follow up with UNES next week and report septel discussions regarding India's priorities for the upcoming session of the Human Rights Council as well as any resolutions the GOI may plan to introduce or support.

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